First birthday crown

6 to 12 months, head 16½ in (42 cm) · US terms



Finished size

About 14¾ in (37 cm) round and about 1½ in (4 cm) high at the band, both measured inside its edging. With the edging it is about 15¼ in (39 cm) round and about 1¾ in (4.5 cm) high at the band, and about 3½ in (9 cm) high from the lower edge to the top of a point, without its pom-pom; "round" is the length of the crown, whose two ends do not meet

To fit a head of 16½ in (42 cm)

Skill

Easy

Rows of single crochet, five points on one edge, an edging, pieces sewn on

Yarn

Medium (4), 4 colors

Hook

4.5 mm (US 7)

Gauge

15 stitches and 16 rows to 4 in (10 cm)

In single crochet worked in rows.

What you need

Yarn A: mint, the lowest stripe and the points	**about 35 yd (32 m), an estimate**
Yarn B: cream, the second stripe	**about 10 yd (9 m), an estimate**
Yarn C: butter, the third stripe	**about 10 yd (9 m), an estimate**
Yarn D: coral, the edging, the number, the pom-poms and the ties	**about 60 yd (55 m), an estimate**

By weight: about 55 g in all, an estimate, where 100 g is 200 yd (183 m).

Hook: 4.5 mm (US 7), or the size that gives you the gauge. Also: a soft tape measure, a yarn needle, scissors, 5 stitch markers, pins and a piece of card 1¼ in (3 cm) wide for the pom-poms.

To find how many balls: divide by the length on your yarn's label and round up. Buy them from one dye lot. The estimate is from the stitches and chains of this size at this gauge, with 30 percent added.

Sizes

Size	Head	Finished size, about	Yarn, an estimate
6 to 12 months (this file)	**16½ in (42 cm)**	**14¾ in (37 cm) round, 1½ in (4 cm) high**	**about 115 yd (105 m)**
1 to 2 years	18 in (46 cm)	16 in (41 cm) round, 1½ in (4 cm) high	about 115 yd (105 m)

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3 to 5 years	19½ in (50 cm)	17¼ in (44 cm) round, 1½ in (4 cm) high	about 120 yd (110 m)

Gauge

15 stitches and 16 rows to 4 in (10 cm) in single crochet worked in rows.

The gauge is measured on the crown itself, laid flat and not stretched, along the row after row 1; the line printed under row 1 says how much it should measure. If it is longer than that, begin again with a smaller hook; if shorter, with a larger one. If your rows are taller or shallower than the gauge, the crown only comes out that much higher or lower. The rows run round the head, so "round" below is the length of a row. The stitches are small for this yarn, so that the crown is firm and stands by itself.

Check your gauge on the piece. Begin the pattern and measure the piece itself as you go. After row 1, lay the band flat without stretching it and measure it along the row: it should be about 14¾ in (37 cm) long.

Notes

- Measure the head if you can: put a soft tape round its widest part, across the middle of the forehead and just above the ears, and choose the size whose head measurement is nearest. With its edging the crown is about 1¼ to 1¾ in (3 to 4.5 cm) shorter than the head is round: the gap stays open at the back, and the ties close it. The list below gives the measures of each size.
- The chain at the start of a row does not count as a stitch. After the turn the first stitch of the row goes into the stitch nearest the hook, which is the last stitch of the row before, and the last goes into the first stitch of the row before, so that every row of the band has the same number of stitches; the chains skipped at the start of row 1 do not count either.
- The number at the end of each line is the number of stitches it has when it is finished; chains and slip stitches are not counted.
- Whip stitch, with which the number is sewn flat on the crown: bring the needle up from the wrong side of the crown close beside the edge of the number, take it over that edge and down through one stitch or row end of the number and through the crown under it, and bring it up again beside the next stitch or row end; go on in this way, over and over, along the edge.
- The points and the number 1 are worked in rows: the chain at the start of a row does not count as a stitch, and the first stitch after the turn goes into the last stitch of the row before.
- To change yarn at the start of a row, make the last yarn over of the last stitch of the row before with the new yarn; then cut the old yarn, leaving a tail of 6 in (15 cm).
- A point begins with row 1 on the right side, so its first row goes the same way as row 1 of the band. "sc2tog" at both ends of a row makes the point narrower by 2 stitches. The points touch at row 1 only: from row 2 on there is a space of 2 stitches or more between two points, which the edging fills from both sides.
- A crown with pom-poms and ties is for a child with someone beside it: sew every pom-pom on firmly, and take the crown off for sleep.

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Instructions

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ch chain, **sl st** slip stitch, **sc** single crochet (UK double crochet), **st** stitch.
RS right side, the one that shows.
3 sc in next st: all in one stitch. **sc in next 7 sts**: one in each.
(55 sc): the stitches you have when the row is done. **How to read a pattern**.

Special stitches

sc2tog (single crochet 2 together; UK dc2tog): Pull up a loop in each of the next 2 stitches, yarn over and pull through all 3 loops: 1 stitch decreased.

Crown

Yarns in order of use: A, mint; B, cream; C, butter.

☐ **Foundation**	Ch 56, leaving a tail of 6 in (15 cm) before the first chain.	
☐ **Row 1 (RS)**	Sc in 2nd ch from hook and in each ch across	(55 sc)

> **Stop and measure now, after row 1.** Lay the band flat without stretching it and measure it along the row: it should be about 14¾ in (37 cm) long.

☐ **Row 2**	Ch 1, turn; sc in each st across	(55 sc)
☐ **Row 3**	With B, ch 1, turn; sc in each st across	(55 sc)
☐ **Row 4**	Ch 1, turn; sc in each st across	(55 sc)
☐ **Row 5**	With C, ch 1, turn; sc in each st across	(55 sc)
☐ **Row 6**	Ch 1, turn; sc in each st across	(55 sc)
☐ **End**	Fasten off yarn C, leaving a tail of 6 in (15 cm).	

Point: make 5

Yarn A, mint.

☐ **Foundation**	Hold the band with the right side, the side that faced you in row 1, toward you and row 6 at the top. Number the 55 stitches of row 6 from right to left. The first point stands on stitches 1 to 11, the second on 12 to 22, the third on 23 to 33, the fourth on 34 to 44 and the fifth on 45 to 55; put a marker in the first stitch of each. Work each point in the same way, on the 11 stitches marked for it: insert the hook in the first of them, the one farthest to the right, draw up a loop of yarn A, leaving a tail of 6 in (15 cm), and work row 1 from there to the left, the first sc in that same stitch.	
☐ **Row 1 (RS)**	Ch 1, sc in each st across	(11 sc)
☐ **Row 2**	Ch 1, turn; sc2tog over next 2 sts, sc in next 7 sts, sc2tog over next 2 sts	(9 sc)
☐ **Rows 3 to 4**	Ch 1, turn; sc in each st across	(9 sc)
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☐ **Row 5**	Ch 1, turn; sc2tog over next 2 sts, sc in next 5 sts, sc2tog over next 2 sts	(7 sc)

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☐ **Row 6**	Ch 1, turn; sc2tog over next 2 sts, sc in next 3 sts, sc2tog over next 2 sts	(5 sc)
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a tail of 6 in (15 cm).	

Number 1

Yarn D, coral.

☐ **Foundation**	Ch 8, leaving a tail of 6 in (15 cm) before the first chain.	
☐ **Row 1 (RS)**	Sc in 2nd ch from hook and in each ch across	(7 sc)
☐ **Row 2**	Ch 1, turn; sc in each st across	(7 sc)
☐ **Row 3**	Ch 1, turn; sl st in next 2 sts, sc in next 3 sts, leave remaining 2 sts unworked	(3 sc)

On each side 2 stitches of row 2 stay free: these are the two ends of the foot of the 1, and what follows is its stem.

☐ **Rows 4 to 6** 4 5 6	Ch 1, turn; sc in each st across	(3 sc)
☐ **Row 7**	Ch 1, turn; sc in next 2 sts, 3 sc in next st	(5 sc)
☐ **Row 8**	Ch 1, turn; sc in each st across	(5 sc)
☐ **End**	Row 7 is worked with the right side toward you, from right to left, so the 2 stitches added at its end stand out on the left when the right side faces you: they are the flag of the 1. Fasten off, leaving a tail of 30 in (76 cm) for sewing.	

Tie: make 2

Yarn D, coral.

☐ **Foundation**	Ch 46, leaving a tail of 6 in (15 cm) before the first chain.	
☐ **Row 1 (RS)**	Sc in 2nd ch from hook and in each ch across	(45 sc)
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a tail of 10 in (25 cm) for sewing.	

Assembly

1. Take out the markers and weave in all the ends so far on the wrong side, all but the long tails of the number and of the ties, with which they are sewn on.

2. Edging, one round of sc with yarn D along all the edges of the crown, worked with the right side toward you: begin at the right end of the band, at its lower corner. Join the yarn with a slip stitch in the end of row 1 of the band, leaving a tail of 6 in (15 cm), and chain 1. Go up this end of the band with 1 sc in the end of each of its 6 rows and 1 sc in the end of row 1 of the first point, 7 sc. Now go along the five points. Over each of them: 1 sc in the end of each of rows 2 to 6 on the way up, 5 sc; in its last row 2 sc in the first of the 5 stitches, 1 sc in each of the next 3, 2 sc in the last, 7 sc; and 1 sc in the end of each of rows 6 to 2 on the way down, 5 sc: 17 sc for a point, 85 for all five. From one point to the next, at the foot of the space between them, where the ends of their rows 1 lie side by side, work 1 slip stitch that joins the two: insert the hook under the edge of the end of row 1 of the point just done, then under the edge of the end of row 1 of the next point, yarn over and pull through all the loops on the hook. These 4 slip stitches are not counted; the edging of the one point then lies beside the edging of the next and fills the space. After the fifth point work 1 sc in the end of its row 1 and go down the other end of the band with 1 sc in the end of each of its 6 rows, 7 sc, and chain 1 for the corner. Turn the work so that the beginning chain is uppermost, right side still toward you, and work 1 sc in the free side of each of the 55 chains that hold a stitch of row 1, 55 sc. Chain 1 for the second corner and slip stitch in the first sc: 154 sc in all. Fasten off, leaving a tail of 6 in (15 cm), and weave in both tails.

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3. Number: the right side of the 1 is the side that faced you in rows 1 and 7; with this side toward you and the foot below, its flag points to the left. Lay it on the right side of the crown, upright, the lower edge of its foot level with the top of row 2 of the band, the middle one of the 7 stitches of its foot over stitch 28 of the band, counted from the right, which is the middle of the third point. The upper part of the 1 lies on the third point. Pin it, and with its long tail, which hangs at the end of the last row, whip stitch it down all round, one stitch to each stitch or row end. For a crown that serves again another year leave the number off, or sew it on with long stitches that are easily cut.

4. Pom-poms (make 5): wrap yarn D 60 times round a piece of card 1¼ in (3 cm) wide. Slide the wraps off, tie them very tightly round the middle with the middle of a strand of yarn D 14 in (36 cm) long and leave both ends of this tie hanging long: they sew the pom-pom on, so hold them out of the way of the scissors. Cut the loops at both ends of the bundle, shake the pom-pom out and trim the cut strands, not the two ends of the tie, to a ball about 1 in (2.5 cm) across. With the two ends of the tie sew one pom-pom firmly to the top of each point, on the edging, over the middle of the last row of the point, so that it sits on the edge and not in front of it. Fasten the ends off on the wrong side.

5. Ties: lay one end of a tie on the wrong side of the crown, at the end of the band, over rows 3 and 4 and about ½ in (1.2 cm) in from the edging, and with its long tail sew this end down all round; sew the other tie to the other end of the band.

Finishing

- Weave in every end on the wrong side of the crown. To wear it, tie the two ties in a bow at the back of the head, under the hair, so that the crown is snug.

In all: 4 pieces.

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